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#### INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Attached hereto is a copy of the recently received German Office Action. Also attached are copies of those references not already of record.

The German Office action states on page 2, after the list of four references:

The prior art of WO 02/00390 and DE 44 22 416 applies to claim 1. In particular DE 44 22 416 describe a method for working of workpieces in a machining apparatus with a workpiece spindle and a motor spindle, the workpiece being moved from the workpiece spindle by a transport device for machining in the working station of the motor spindle and being made ready in different

places. The features of DE 44 22 416 correspond generally to those defined in claim 1. As a result claim 1 is not allowable in its current form.

Claim 2 is anticipated by the prior art of DE 197 16 491.

Claims 3 to 6 are anticipated by the prior art of WO 02/00390.

Claims 7, 10, and 11 are anticipated by the combined state of the art of DE 44 22 416 and WO 02/00390.

Claims 8 and 9 are anticipated by the state of the art of DE 197 16 491.

To further prosecute the application it will be necessary to uncover patentable particularities of the invention and to direct new claims at them.

A patent will not issue on the patent application as it now stands.


Attention is directed to 1194 OG 167 (7 January 1997) which states with reference to information submitted in an Information Disclosure Statements "Where the information listed is not in the English language, but was cited in a search report by a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application, the requirement for a concise explanation of relevance can be satisfied by submit-

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ting an English language version of the search report which indicates the degree of relevance found by the foreign office."

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## FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS

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	AI	WO 02/00390	01/2002	WIPO	Modig Machine Tool			
	AJ	DE 44 22 416	01/1996	GERMANY	Gruner, Magnus			
	AK	DE 37 22 180	01/1989	GERMANY	Giddings & Lewis GmbH			
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